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SUBJECT: F-5E'S FOR CHILEAN AIR FORCE

REFS: A. STATE 123411; B. COMUSMILGP 271714ZJUL 73;

C. SANTIAGO 3216

1. REF A WAS MOST RECENT REPORT ON UNCERTAIN SITUATION
REGARDING FY 1974 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION.

2. IN JUNE SENATE PASSED MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES
BILL WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS RESPONSIVE TO ADMINISTRA-
TION'S REQUEST THAN OMNIBUS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL PASSED
BY HOUSE LAST WEEK. SENATE HAS YET TO PASS FOREIGN
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BILL. LATTER BILL WILL HAVE TO BE
COMBINED WITH SENATE'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL BEFORE
HOUSE AND SENATE GO TO CONFERENCE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT
CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HOUSE AND
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ULTIMATE SENATE BILLS WILL GET UNDERWAY IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE INSTRUCTING EMBASSIES AS FOLLOWS:
RESPOND TO ALL INQUIRIES REGARDING FUTURE CREDIT
COMMITMENTS THAT WE ARE STILL NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS
CREDIT FOR FY 1974 AND FUTURE YEARS, AND DO NOT EXPECT TO
BE FOR SOME MONTHS. FYI. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT NO
FMS CREDIT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR HOST COUNTRY; IF THE
TOTAL FMS CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS IS NOT ADEQUATE

TO MEET EXISTING WORLDWIDE COMMITMENTS.

4. WE ANTICIPATE THAT, IF WE DELIVER LETTER OF OFFER
AS YOU REQUESTED IN REF B, THIS WOULD LEAD TO CHILEAN
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CREDIT WHICH WE WOULD HAVE TO
DEFER FOR SOME MONTHS. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS OF IMPACT
DELAY IN DISCUSSION OF CREDIT WOULD HAVE ON DIFFICULT
SITUATION DESCRIBED REF C. IN CASE OF CHILE'S REQUEST
FOR F-5'S, ELIMINATION OF THIS DELAY WOULD NOT ACCELE-
RATE DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT BECAUSE PRODUCTION LINE NOW
AT CAPACITY. END FYI. ROGERS

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